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HUMPHREY CONNECTIONS

Boston University Humphrey Fellowship Program Newsletter



Boston University Questrom School of Business



THE HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Cohorts of Fellows specializing in designated fields are hosted by universities chosen for their academic excellence in those fields and for other support they offer. Fellows pursue an intensive, semi-structured program focused on:



Professional
Advancement



Collaboration with
U.S. Counterparts



Leadership
Development



Intercultural
Exchange

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program was established in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter to honor the late Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and his life-long commitment to international cooperation and public service. The program invites experienced professionals from designated countries to spend a year in the U.S. preparing to address several of the most compelling development issues in the world today. Humphrey Fellows are selected based on their leadership potential, commitment to public service, and professional expertise. Today's Humphrey Fellow alumni network comprises over 6,000 influential leaders worldwide. This is a Fulbright exchange activity, primarily funded by Congress and administered by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) at the U.S. Department of State, with administrative assistance provided by the Institute of International Education (IIE).

THE PROGRAM AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY




Boston University has operated as a host campus since the Program's inception in 1978. The Questrom School of Business serves as the program's administrative home at BU, where all twelve 2022-2023 fellows specialize in finance and banking and economic development. Under the guidance of program coordinators and faculty advisors, fellows pursue individualized programs of non-degree, graduate level coursework, independent research, special seminars and colloquia, and six-week, professional affiliations related to their respective fields. The Humphrey Fellowship Program has contributed to BU's development into one of the world's most globally connected private universities, where more than 7,000 international students live and study. As of 2023, the BU Humphrey alumni network exceeds 500 members in over 125 countries.




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Mongolia
Finance & Banking



Gullali Jomezai
Pakistan
Economic Development



Chrystelle Dohou
Benin
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Alfred Jusu
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Kyrgyzstan
Finance & Banking



Henrik Kutberg
Estonia
Economic Development

CLICK ON THE FELLOWS' PHOTOS TO READ THEIR BIOS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THEM!



MEET THE 2022-2023 HUMPHREY FELLOWS



Christian Lopez Valencia
Ecuador
Finance & Banking



Kossi Segnedji
Togo
Finance & Banking



Govinda Maheshwari
Pakistan
Finance & Banking



Govinda Raut
Nepal
Finance & Banking



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Sumera Rafiq
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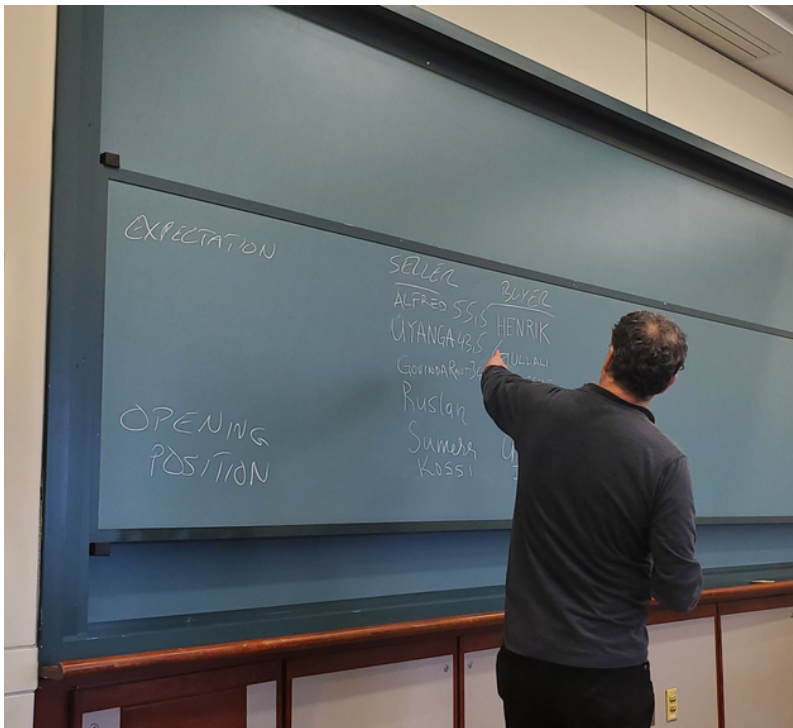
LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

On January 19, we kicked off the Humphrey Seminars in the Spring 2023 semester with Dr. Yoo Jin Chung's session on leadership challenge and change management, as well as asking fellows to reflect on their fellowship program goals so far.



NEGOTIATION WORKSHOP

On January 26, Moshe Cohen, Senior Lecturer of Management & Organizations held the first part of the Negotiation workshop for fellows focusing on "Competitive Negotiation". Fellows paired up and participated in a competitive negotiation simulation! The following week, Prof. Moshe Cohen returned for part 2 of his workshop on "Collaborative Negotiation"! Fellows broke out into teams to work on negotiation cases! These were interactive and fun sessions!



JANUARY SEMINARS

WELCOME BACK POTLUCK



On January 27, the BU Humphrey Fellowship Program hosted the "Welcome Back Potluck" at the office! Host Families, fellows, family, and friends were invited to enjoy a potluck event with foods and drinks brought from different countries and cultures!

Raffle prizes were given out at the end of the night. Congratulations to host families Janet Ferone, Matt Kramer, and fellows Kossi Segnedji and Govinda Maheshwari for winning a prize!



FEBRUARY AND MARCH SEMINARS



Improving Decision Making

On February 9, fellows broke out into two teams to ascend Mt. Everest in a leadership and team simulation from Harvard Business Publishing Education. Given roles and challenges, it was up to each team to strategize to work together, and reach the summit!

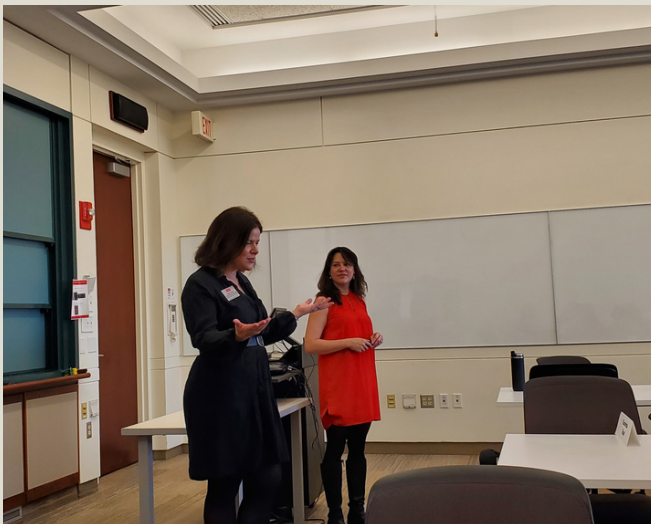
Allston Brighton Food Pantry

On February 10, fellows and coordinators participated in volunteer work at the Allston Brighton Food Pantry. Volunteers make from 25 to 30 food baskets to get distributed to the community at no cost. Our fellows made close to 200 boxes! It was a wonderful experience being able to make an impact by helping our local community!



Accion Site Visit

On February 14, the fellows experienced a virtual site visit with Accion, and got to learn more about the company's projects concerning microfinance and fintech impact with the President and CEO, Michael Schlein.



Questrom Center for DEI

On February 16, Cecilia Yudin and Kabrina Chang return for part 2 of our Questrom DEI session. This time, fellows reflected and discussed about their Intercultural Development Inventory Assessment, which is a tool to assess an individual and group's intercultural competency level.

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Site Visit

On February 21, the fellows had the chance to meet Dr. Falk Brauning, Senior Economist and Policy Advisor at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Dr. Brauning gave an overview of the Fed's purpose in the United States, and shared ongoing research projects Fed Boston is working on.



CGAP Site Visit

On March 2, Ivo Jenik, Senior Financial Sector Specialist at the Consultive Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP), held a presentation about CGAP and how their institute is a financial inclusion think tank, hosted under the World Bank Group. Ivo took questions from fellows who asked about regulations in financial inclusion and fintech!



CAS Institute for Economic Development

On March 16, Dr. Dilip Mookherjee, the Director of the CAS Institute for Economic Development, gave a seminar on microfinance and its poverty impact. Fellows were able to receive a first-hand account of its effect on larger economies, such as in India, and gained further international perspective through engaging in discussions.

FEBRUARY AND
MARCH SEMINARS

APRIL SEMINARS



MO460 CLASS PRESENTATION

On April 6, BU Humphrey Fellows once again surprised undergraduate students in the MO460: The Leadership Challenge class at Questrom to speak as global leaders representatives. Fellows organized and coordinated a panel on different leadership styles, followed by breaking into smaller discussion groups to discuss student's leadership challenges as future global leaders. It was an extremely engaging conversation among global leaders and future leaders of the world!



APRIL SEMINARS



BROOKLINE BANK SITE VISIT

On April 11, the fellows had the opportunity to visit Brookline Bank in person! There they had the chance to meet with the CEO and several executive members of the organization to discuss their company's structure, goals, and how they strategize their services to remain relevant in today's market.



LEADING CHANGE

On April 13, the fellows heard from guest speaker, Professor Charles Tharp, Professor of the Practice, Management & Organization at Questrom School of Business. He led a seminar on leading change within organizations and broke the fellows out into small teams to go over case studies.

RED SOX GAME

On April 14, fellows joined their families, host families, MIT fellows, and BU staff for the Boston Red Sox's opening home series against the Los Angeles Angels! Baseball, often referred to as "America's National Pastime", is the oldest professional sport in the U.S. Fellows enjoyed learning about baseball, doing the wave, and shopping at the team store. Boston is very passionate about its sports teams, so it was a fun evening for all!

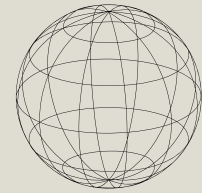


RE-ENTRY SEMINAR

On April 19, the fellows reunited with the Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center at the BU Castle! Facilitators took the fellows (and staff!) through a series of challenges and exercises, promoting honest discussion along the way, and highlighting how far they have come since we were on Thompson island in September 2022. This was the first year BU coordinators have seen the "BU" logo made out of newspaper stand without falling!



EVOLVING FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGIES: Blockchain and Central Bank Digital Currencies



MONDAY, APRIL 24

THE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY HOSTED A CONFERENCE ON CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCIES AND BLOCKCHAIN APPLICATION. THE EVENT WAS INITIATED BY HUMPHREY FELLOW, KOSSI SEGNEJJI FROM TOGO, WHO BROUGHT TOGETHER RESEARCHERS, PRACTITIONERS, POLICYMAKERS, STUDENTS, AND THE GREATER BOSTON COMMUNITY, TO HEAR FROM PROFESSIONALS ACROSS DIFFERENT SECTORS! AFTER THE CONFERENCE, STUDENTS AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATED IN A PITCH COMPETITION ON THEIR BUSINESS PLANS RELATED TO DIGITAL CURRENCY OR BLOCKCHAIN!



SPEAKERS INCLUDED MICHAEL SCHELIN, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF ACCION; JIM STODDER, PHD, PROFESSOR OF THE PRACTICE (RETIRED) DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES AT METROPOLITAN COLLEGE, BOSTON UNIVERSITY; KAROL GIL VASQUEZ, PHD, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, NICHOLS COLLEGE, AND LECTURER AT METROPOLITAN COLLEGE, BOSTON UNIVERSITY; AND MARK SOBIN, JD, ATTORNEY, FINTECH ASSOCIATE COUNSEL AT THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF BOSTON. OUR MODERATOR FOR THE PANEL WAS MARK WILLIAMS, MASTER LECTURER OF FINANCE AT QUESTROM SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, BOSTON UNIVERSITY.



Capstone Presentation

Thursday, May 4



As a culmination of the fellowship year, each team of fellows were asked to develop a project. The fellows presented their project's findings and received feedback from the coordinators, fellows, and members of the audience. This provided a mutual learning experience to further develop their own capstone project and share common interests! Congratulations to Women Kings, Eco Warriors, Microfinance team, and the Central Bankers for all your hard work!



HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



Host Families celebrating with our class of 2023!



Susan Fournier, Allen Questrom Professor and Dean of Questrom School of Business awarded fellows their certificate!



Fellows invited their families to attend commencement!

The program held our 2022-2023 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program Commencement for our twelve Boston University Economic Development and Finance and Banking fellows!





Fellow's family, friends, classmates, professors, and long-time supporters of our program joined our special intimate ceremony at the Questrom School of Business. Attendees heard from a number of speakers: Susan Fournier, Allen Questrom Professor and Dean of Questrom School of Business; Surya Kolluri, Head of TIAA Institute; 2022-2023 BU Humphrey Fellow Class Speaker Gullali Jomezai from Pakistan; and 2022-2023 Host Family Speaker Doris Kellom!



A huge congratulations once again to the Humphrey Fellowship Class of 2022-2023! We are extremely happy to honor all of the work that the Fellows have done this year and the connections you've made!



FELLOW SPOTLIGHT



DINNER WITH CARMEN, DARRELL, AND DORIS

Host family Carmen Aldinger and Darrell Hartwick invited Alfred Jusu's family and others to attend a warm dinner at their home!

CULTURAL DINNER

Host family, Barbara Wilhelm, sharing a Pakistani dinner in Boston with Gullali Jomezai and her family!



FELLOW SPOTLIGHT



DISNEY WORLD

Gullali Jomezai and her family visited Disney World in Orlando, Florida! We hope it was a magical experience and all your dreams came true!

LILAC SUNDAY

Gullai Jomezai, Govinda Maheshwari and host family, Barbara Wilhelm getting a head start by making a visit to the Arnold Arboretum to celebrate Lilac Sunday!



FELLOW SPOTLIGHT



AMBASSADOR OF PAKISTAN

Gullali Jomezai arranged a meeting with Pakistan's ambassador to the United States at UMass Amherst!

SPRING IN BOSTON

Govinda Maheshwari, Gullali Jomezai, and Sumera Rafiq enjoying the blooming flowers and trees on the Charles River Campus!



FELLOW SPOTLIGHT

SNOWY ACTIVITY

Host family Carmen Aldinger and Darrell Hartwick took Alfred and his family snow tubing at Loon Mountain in New Hampshire!

Also this year, a ski trip was organized by host family, Jaime D'Almeida and his family who invited along Jovana Music and Sumera Rafiq!



FELLOW SPOTLIGHT



EID UL FITR

The Islamic Society of Boston University hosted a small banquet to celebrate Eid ul Fitr, one of the holiest day of the year for all Muslims around the globe. Sumera Rafiq and her friends attended the event on campus!

DORIS HOSTING DINNER

Host family, Doris Kellom, invited Alfred Jusu's family and others to attend a lovely dinner at her house! Lovely conversations were held at the table!



FELLOW SPOTLIGHT



BOSTON ATHENAEUM

Alecia Manning, host family and library member, organized a tour for fellows to visit the Boston Athenaeum, one of the oldest independent libraries in the United States! Founded in 1807, the Boston Athenæum combines “the advantages of a public library [and] containing the great works of learning and science in all languages.”

MOCK SHAADI

Boston University's Organization of Pakistan Students (OPS) hosted a mock wedding held on-campus! Sumera Rafiq attended the celebrations! It was a lovely and vibrant night of dance performances, henna, food, and much more!



FELLOW SPOTLIGHT



LUNCHEES WITH HOST FAMILIES

Kossi Segnedji enjoyed many lunches with host families this year with Janet Veasey, Bob Binney, and Matt and Gail Kramer!



BOSTON MARATHON

Gullali Jomezai with her daughter enjoying the Boston Marathon, up close and personal!



FELLOW SPOTLIGHT



SHOWA BOSTON

Jovana Music was invited by host family Janet Ferone and Cyrus Konstantinacos to speak to Japanese students at Showa Boston Institute on startups, entrepreneurship, and marketing!

HOCKEY GAME AT AGGANIS ARENA

Kossi Segnedji invited fellows and their family to watch a hockey game at Boston University's Agganis Arena during the break!



GOLFING IN MICHIGAN

Sumera Rafiq went on a trip to Michigan and tried some golf at Top Golf!

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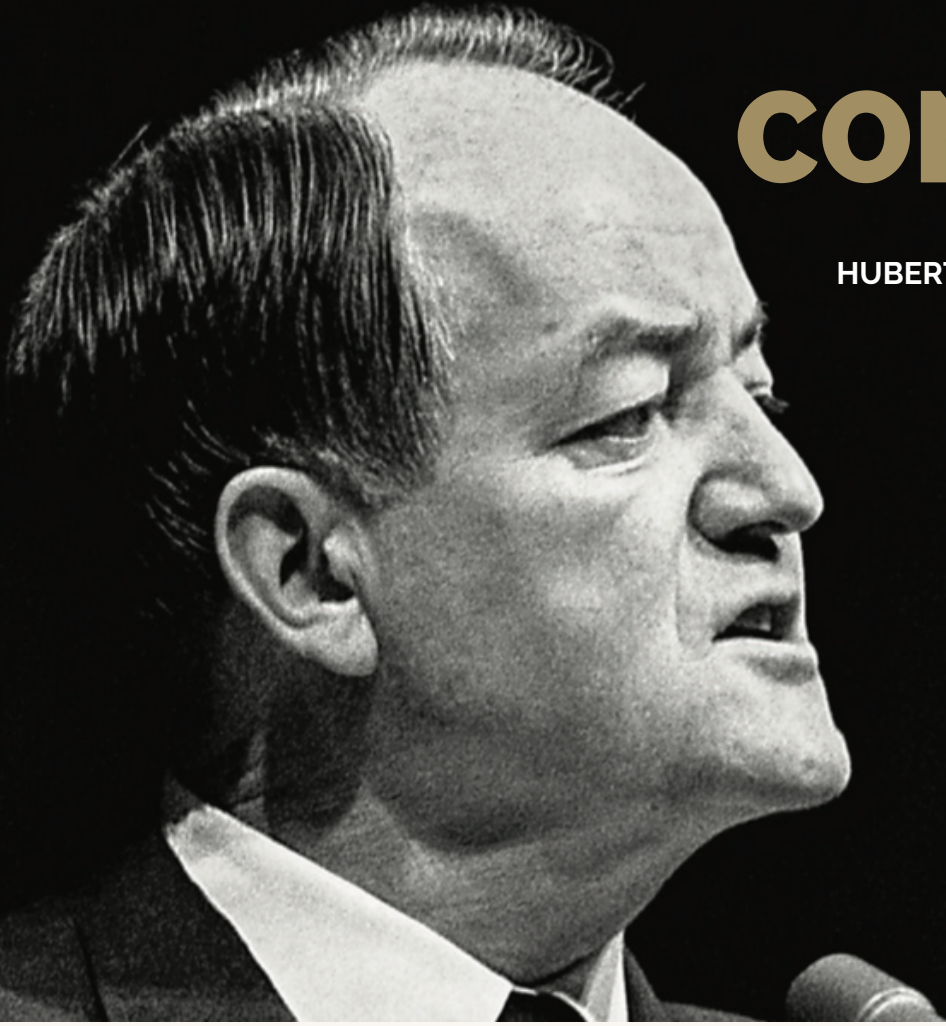


HUMPHREY BBQ PARTY AND CANOEING

In May, host family, Janet Ferone, hosted a BBQ party at her house! Fellows enjoyed lovely weather and some great American BBQ favorites!

Another month of May activity hosted by host family, Doris Kellom, was the canoeing trip to Concord! A few fellows got there early to explore Concord before paddling their way through the waters.





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